

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In order to secure a safe and prosperous future
3 for its citizens, the State of Illinois must maintain a broad
4 portfolio of energy supply options to hedge against fuel
5 price fluctuations, fuel shortages, and import disruptions;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Illinois' 11 nuclear power plants have proven to
8 be safe, dependable, economic, and environmentally benign
9 sources of electricity to Illinois' citizens and businesses,
10 producing nearly 50 percent of the electricity generated in
11 Illinois today; and

12 WHEREAS, Nuclear power requires minimal land intrusion,
13 and prevents the release of millions of tons of air
14 pollutants and greenhouse gases, thus being critical for
15 compliance with air quality laws and regulations; and

16 WHEREAS, Over \$7 billion have been spent on studies of
17 Yucca Mountain, Nevada, that show that the proposed site is
18 an ideal repository to safely contain radioactive materials,
19 with a capacity sufficient to meet all foreseeable storage
20 needs; and

21 WHEREAS, Studies of Yucca Mountain have yielded the
22 scientific information necessary for a decision by the United
23 States Secretary of Energy that there are no technical or
24 scientific issues that will prevent Yucca Mountain from
25 serving as a permanent repository, clearly supporting the
26 recommendation by the Secretary to the President of the
27 United States to proceed on licensing a permanent repository
28 at Yucca Mountain; and

29 WHEREAS, Since 1983, consumers of electricity from
30 Illinois' existing nuclear plants have committed over \$2.4
31 billion to the federal Nuclear Waste Fund to finance site

1 assessment and nuclear waste management; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 the members of the House have determined that nuclear energy
5 is a necessary source of electricity generation, with no
6 detrimental impact on its citizens and environment; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Illinois House of Representatives
9 urges the Congress of the United States to sustain the
10 President's affirmative decision on Yucca Mountain's
11 suitability as a permanent federal repository for high-level
12 radioactive materials; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to
14 the President and Vice President of the United States, the
15 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
16 United States House of Representatives, all members of the
17 Illinois congressional delegation, and to the United States
18 Secretary of Energy.